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SUBJECT: (C) CROATIAN PM CONSIDERS INVITING KARZAI

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- 11. (U) This is an action request.
- 12. (C) Prime Minister Ivo Sanader told Ambassador April 25 that he was considering inviting Afghan President Karzai to the July 6-7 "Croatia Summit" the second annual such conference with a Euro-Atlantic integration theme. PM Sanader and Croatian President Mesic would both extend the invitation, which Sanader sees as supporting President Karzai as well as helping to inform the Croatian public about what NATO and Croatia are doing to assist in Afghanistan.
- 13. (C) Sanader emphasized that he would invite Karzai only if Washington believed it would be useful. Ambassador committed to seek USG reaction and get back to him asap. Please advise.
- $\underline{\P}4$ . (U) Minimize considered. BRADTKE